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**Re: GWHFC**

9 messages

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**Alice Roth** <alice.roth@lacity.org>

Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 2:38 PM

To: Val Wolf

Cc: "Harter, Tim" &lt;

&gt;, Sarah Dusseault &lt;sarah.dusseault@lacity.org&gt;

Dear Val,

I understand your concern.

I have copied Sarah Dusseault, our Chief of Staff for response to your inquiry.

Sarah: Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Best,

-Alice

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On Thursday, December 3, 2015, Val Wolf <val.wolf1@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Alice,

I'm sure you have read that Berkeley has finally taken measures to restore civilization to their city: <http://www.truthrevolt.org/news/berkeley-bans-homeless-sidewalk>

I have emailed with Nikki on several occasions regarding this problem, and she said they met with the foodline and spoke about "the community's concerns and the need for him to move to a better location with facilities." I haven't heard anything subsequent to that. We really need to hear updates regarding this situation, as without any new information we feel as though things have not progressed in having this foodline moved out of the area. We are weary and spent living in a perpetual state of vigilance, having to deal with this issue on a daily basis. There is something exceedingly wrong when we can't walk down our own streets without being accosted by a drug crazed transient, or have to survey our yards and garages for transients who have set up a drug den. When will some action be taken regarding this menace? And yet, they keep flooding into the area, their numbers growing exponentially.

We feel so long as this menacing foodline is in our midst, it will continue to supply hundreds of transients, many who are dangerous drug addled people with nothing to lose, as reason to remain in our area. We have HAD IT! We need to restore tranquility to our streets.

And PLEASE can we set up some weekly updates so we can keep tabs on what progress is taking place? Surely something can be done.

Looking forward to your response.

Valarie

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On Tue, Dec 1, 2015 at 1:43 PM, Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello Tim,

I hope that you had a nice Thanksgiving holiday.

I have copied Nikki Ezhari, CD4 Senior Deputy in our Hollywood District Office who would be able to help with this issue.

Nikki:

Please contact Valarie ASAP to assist with this Food Coalition issue.



Thank you.

Best,  
-Alice

On Mon, Nov 30, 2015 at 5:21 PM, Harter, Tim wrote:

Alice,

I hope this email finds you well. I was curious to know if you or someone in the Hollywood Field office is working on the GWHFC issue. Tracey was working on it before you guys took over, if you could please reply all so Valarie can know who the point person is at Councilmember Ryu's office I would greatly appreciate it!! Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving!!

Sincerely

**Tim Harter**

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**Sarah Dusseault** <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 2:57 PM

To: Alice Roth <alice.roth@lacity.org>, Val Wolf

Cc: "Harter, Tim" <

Valarie,

Nikki has been working hard to get an update on the situation as well. We met with GWHFC shared your and our concerns and offered to help move them to a permanent location. They are looking at several leads but have not committed.

Regarding the "ban" in Berkeley, our city has been under the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeal Settlement of the Jones case and several other cases that prevent the city from taking measures toward an outright ban. I don't know if the Berkeley case will also quickly be appealed and be stuck in litigation as we have been.

In this case, it does appear likely that GWHFC will sue or have a party sue on their behalf and further hamper options for solutions. That is why we are consulting with the city attorney and service providers on what we can do to mitigate and take action.

We do not have a solid answer yet from folks. This specific issue has been going on for over 20 years with the city and this organization and while we are bringing fresh energy to it, we will not be able to resolve it overnight.

I am sure this is not the update that you were hoping for, but we will continue to seek a solution that works better for everyone.

Sarah

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To: David Ryu &lt;cd4ryu@lacity.org&gt;

Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 2:58 PM

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To: Herbert K. Hatanaka" ·

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Cc: Sarah Dusseault &lt;sarah.dusseault@lacity.org&gt;

Thu, Dec 3, 2015 at 8:14 PM

Herb-

The issue of the Hollywood food Coalition is again rearing its head. We need some help on this.

Can we set up a call or a meeting to discuss my approach and/or how you can approach them to "resolve" this issue- with an open ended definition on what "resolve" means.

I am out of town this week so I'm going to connect you with my chief Sarah- hopefully the two of you can talk by phone or email.

Sarah Dusseault

213-473-2344 work.

Herb Hatanaka

Herb- btw- Sarah is also a current LAHSA commissioner (Hilda solis appointee) and former deputy mayor for housing and homelessness under Mayor Hahn. So she is one of us and very well versed in these issues.

Thank You,



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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>  
**Date:** December 3, 2015 at 2:58:21 PM PST  
**To:** David Ryu <cd4ryu@lacity.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: GWHFC

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**David Ryu** <cd4ryu@lacity.org>  
To: Herbert Hatanaka <herb@herbhatanaka.com>, Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 9:27 AM

Thanks herb...

On Dec 4, 2015, at 9:26 AM, Herbert Hatanaka <herb@herbhatanaka.com> wrote:

I'll call late morning today – I'm in a meeting till noon.

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**From:** David Ryu [mailto:cd4ryu@lacity.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2015 8:15 PM  
**To:** Herbert K. Hatanaka  
**Cc:** Sarah Dusseault  
**Subject:** Fwd: GWHFC

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Val Wolf <

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 10:42 AM

To: Sarah Dusseault &lt;sarah.dusseault@lacity.org&gt;

Hi Sarah,

Thank you for your reply and for explaining about the myriad of obstacles Los Angeles has regarding this horrendous situation. I speak not only for myself but the whole area which is being held hostage by this food line. Needless to say we are so very frustrated that they seem to hold all the cards. I am trying to hold out some hope that once the building at 960 N La Brea is completed and the spaces are leased that the tenants will not put up with this element merely a few yards from their businesses.

It is heartening to know that your Office is working with the city attorney and others regarding this matter. Again, any update/s that you are at liberty to let us know about will be immensely appreciated.

I got an email from a neighbor last night which follows. In your experience, do you think a petition reflecting the sentiments of the neighborhood would hold any power to get rid of the gwhfc?

***I am wondering what would they do if neighbors got a petition together & had over 5,000 signatures regarding this issue? Can you hear us now????? ugh***

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Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 5:20 PM

To: Val Wolf

Val,

It is always good to hear from the community and if you want to submit signatures, that is fine, but it does not change the constitutional issues that are being raised. Even if everyone in the city objected we could still lose, which is why we are trying to be methodical and come up with a consensus outcome like a brick and mortar location in an appropriate space.

I had a call with a service provider offering to help them today. I am connecting the two organizations and will continue to try to resolve it.

Sarah

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David Ryu <cd4ryu@lacity.org>

Fri, Dec 4, 2015 at 6:05 PM

To: Herbert Hatanaka

Sarah Dusseault &lt;sarah.dusseault@lacity.org&gt;



Thanks herb for your support.

I'm out of town in a conference and Sarah told me several people are out sick so it was a crazy day back at the office.

Sarah will reach out this weekend if urgent or Monday if it can wait.

I am cc'ing Sarah

Thank You,

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On Dec 4, 2015, at 5:47 PM, Herbert Hatanaka <[redacted]> wrote:

I tried to get a hold of Sarah a couple times today and left messages. I know you all are busy. If urgent this weekend then let I'll be around Saturday to chat strategy. Just to let you know I am totally against them continuing to do their thing on the street there. I think they have worn out any 'welcome' they have had in the past. I thought they were sincerely looking at am.option off the street but maybe that statement on Ted's part is insincere. I promise to work on this with your office. Looks like best next step is for Sarah and I to talk so that we get our position straight and then I'll approach Ted to meet with you and me. If Monday morning is okay I'll call Sarah.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

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Date: 12/04/2015 9:21 AM (GMT-08:00)  
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If at all possible, I would love to hear how the two organizations' conversation goes.

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